CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

ORDER R7-2019-0036

RESCISSION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER R7-2014-0026, NPDES NO. CA0104299 IMPERIAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPERIAL – IMPERIAL COUNTY

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Colorado River Basin Water Board) finds that:

- 1. Imperial Community College District (Discharger) owns and operates a wastewater treatment plant that provides sewerage services to Imperial Valley College (Facility). The total design capacity of the wastewater treatment plant is 0.15 million gallons per day (MGD). The Facility consists of two package plants. The first package plant operates at a design capacity of 0.10 MGD and runs continuously. The second package plant operates at a design capacity of 0.050 MGD and runs only when the first plant is not in operation. Both plants utilize a manual rake bar screen, contact tank, secondary clarifier, stabilization tank, and aerobic digester. Effluent from the Facility is ultimately disinfected through an ultraviolet (UV) disinfection system prior to discharge.
- 2. The Facility is subject to the requirements set forth in Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order R7-2014-0026, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit No. CA 0104299, which regulates discharges to surface waters. Under that permit, treated effluent may be discharged directly to the Central Drain, an Imperial Valley Drain, and a tributary to the Alamo River.
- 3. On August 23, 2012, the Discharger submitted a Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) and application for WDRs to phase out the surface water discharge and instead discharge effluent to the on-site evaporation/percolation ponds. Additional information was required regarding the Facility on September 7, 2012. An addendum to the ROWD was received from the Discharger on October 10, 2012.
- 4. On March 21, 2013, the Colorado River Basin Water Board adopted WDRs Order R7-2013-0018, which allows the Facility to discharge effluent into on-site evaporation/percolation ponds.
- 5. On November 27, 2018, the Discharger submitted a request for cancellation/non-renewal of Order R7-2014-0026, NPDES permit No. CA0104299.
- 6. On November 28, 2018, Colorado River Basin Water Board staff visited the Facility and confirmed that the discharge to the surface water has completely terminated.
- 7. The Colorado River Basin Water Board has notified the Discharger of its intent to rescind Order R7-2014-0026.

8. The Colorado River Basin Water Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to this Order.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Order No. R7-2014-0026 is terminated.

I, Paula Rasmussen, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region, on May 15, 2019.

PAULA RASMUSSEN Executive Officer